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Warmer winters, scorching summers and prolonged rains — researchers shed light on fallout of climate crisis in Karnataka for next 30 years

IN THE HEAT OF THE MOMENT

Bengaluru awaits warmer-than-normal summer

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After having experienced an incessant rainy season, Bengalureans, much to their dismay, are expected to get warmer-than-normal summer too, over the coming days, months and years.

"To match climate variabilities, we need to go for a change in cropping pattern and crop variety; adopt climate change-resilient agriculture.

— Dr GS Srinivasa Reddy, director, KSNDMC

As per climate experts in the city, there will be an increase in temperature in the coming days, and it is going to be warmer than normal.

"Generally, after January 14, temperature surges and this increase can be noticed in both the minimum and maximum temperature values. However, there will be an increase in temperature over the next few years. We are also expecting rainfall variability. January and February

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Enabling the differently abled

How Mitravinda is making society acknowledge needs of differently abled in Bengaluru

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A 14-year-old student in the city has taken up an initiative, Handicapables', to help the differently abled individuals to be part of the society. Mitravinda Vivek has been teaching sign language and is spreading awareness on making more and more public spaces disabled-friendly.

Mitravinda, a standard IX student at the National Public School (NPS), Indiranagar, was inspired by her aunt who suffers from hearing loss and how the family supported her.

Mitravinda said: "As I grew up, I saw how with the support of family and friends, my aunt became a strong and independent woman. This made me realise how important it is for people with disabilities to lead a hassle-free life. My aunt can talk and understand what people say through lip reading and with the help of hearing aid. However, with my own interest, I learned sign language and key gestures which I use

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Online classes help boost HAM attendance

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After seeing a dip in 2021, Bengaluru's interest in amateur ham radio has picked up again, thanks to online classes. In 2021, only 60 candidates were from Bengaluru. Courtesy covid, the Indian Institute of Hams was not able to conduct its offline examinations. In 2022, roughly 181 candidates are expected to sit for the exams this month.

"In 2020 and before the pandemic, we used to conduct offline classes for Bengaluru HAM aspirants. Due to covid, we were forced to do online classes. We found these classes to be very effective and it also made them more accessible for a larger number of people. People didn't have to travel long distances or lose hours in traffic to cater to their interests," said S Sathyapal, director, Indian Institute of HAMs.

While theory classes were conducted online, the students were trained on the practical aspects by watching instructional videos. Sathyapal says that the institute is planning to continue with online classes even after covid.

He added that Amateur Station Operator Certificate (ASOC) courses are conducted by the Ministry of Communication and the concerned officers have to come from Chennai and Maharashtra. Travel restrictions made it difficult for exams to be held. This also caused a backlog of eligible students waiting to write their exams.

The students' reasoning behind the choosing the subject is quite simple -- it fascinates them. Even in the age of instant messaging available at your fingertips, HAMs are not losing their audience. "Being part of Rotary Club Yelahanka, Sathyapal had come for a demonstration of HAM radios there. I had a childhood fascination for HAMs but now I have gotten an opportunity to get licensed. During the first wave, I was in charge of the Neighbourhood Watch in the Yelahanka zone and was constantly coordinating with the BBMP. During the period, I got to use the instruments and realised the significance of the instrument and became interested in it," said Rubeena, a covid warrior. She plans to utilise the skills in future for social cases and in times of emergency as and when the need arises.

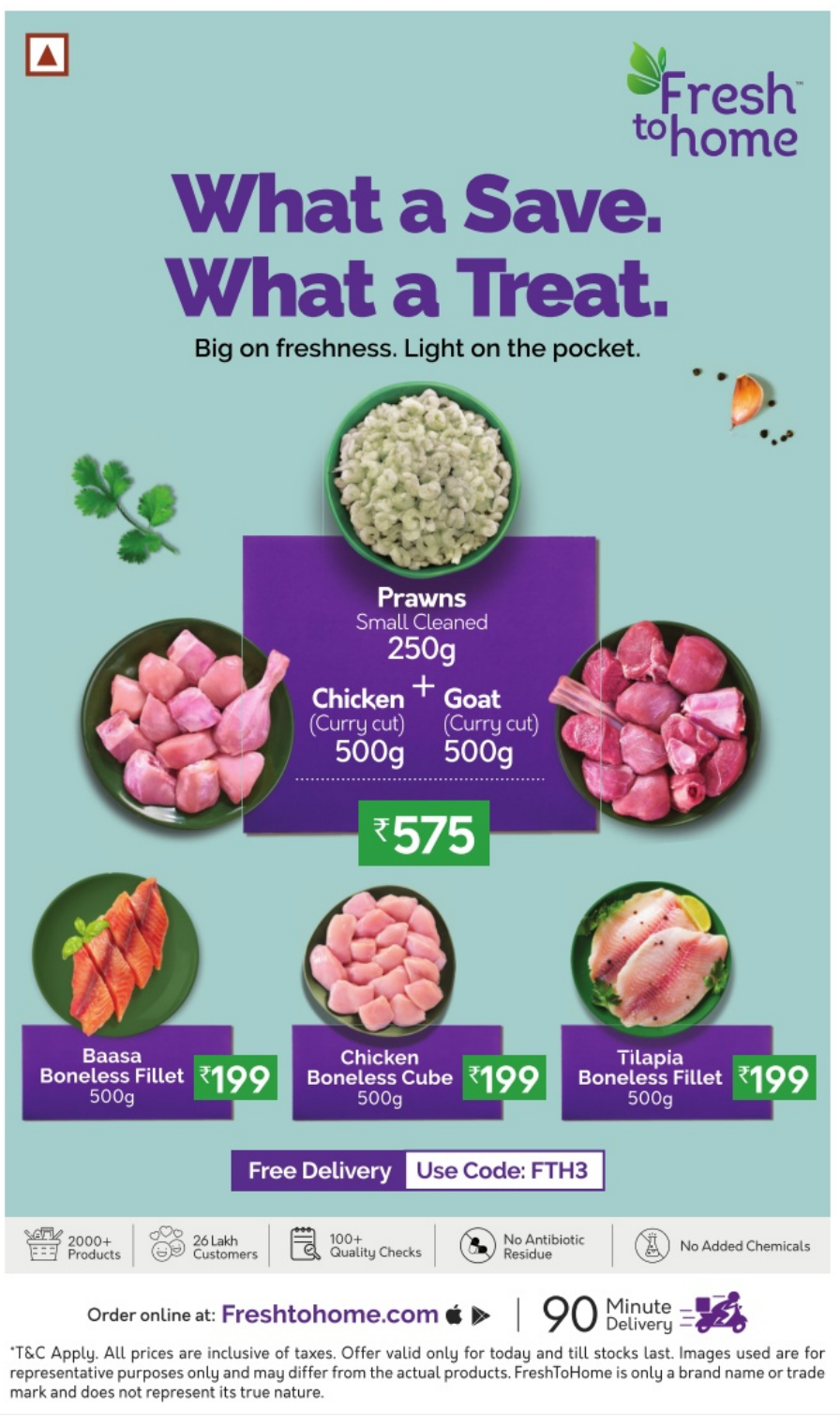
PICTURE FOR REPRESENTATION ONLY

Not travelling long-distance or lose out hours due to traffic helped spike the interest

Dr Kiran Kumar, also a traffic warden, sat for the examination held today at Kanteerava Stadium. "In the old telegraph office, immediately the message used to come. For me, it's more of a hobby but as I am into adventure, it allows me to connect to other stations when I am lost or stuck in areas where connectivity is low. As a volunteer for the Traffic Warden, this is a good skill set to learn. During the lockdown, Sathyapal was passing information and that's what made me fall in love with it."

This year's batch also had some young aspirants. For some, this also seems to be a legacy that is passed from one generation to another. Ramakrishna, a certified HAM radio operator since 2004, encouraged his 13-year-old daughter to get certified as well. "I was interested in building radios with electronic parts and had a fascination for the morse code as well," said Ramakrishna's daughter. "I have seen my father working on the net and building antennas. As a child, I used to help him as well," said Khushi, a 10th standard student.

Commissioner for Directorate of Youth Empowerment and Sports, Dr HN Gopala Krishna told BM, "During the times of crisis, HAMs have proven to be very helpful. But compared to other countries, our numbers are very low. In India, we have around 48,000 HAMs as compared to Japan where every other person is a HAM operator. In India, even though there is awareness, we have a long way to go. We want to include these as part of our youth policy to encourage more youths to become HAMs and play a significant role in times of crisis."



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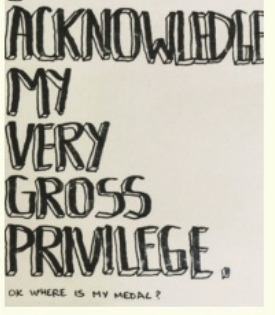
4 THINGS TO DO

01 Get creative, folks

Learn sketching and pencil-shading for beginners. If you've been planning to get creative and make use of your free time, these weekend online sessions are the perfect opportunity. You can also get your kids to join in for a fun experience.
Where: Zoom When: Jan 22 – Feb 27, 12pm – 1pm, (Sat and Sun); For more info: Rs 3,500 (12 sessions), (facebook.com/bngblr)

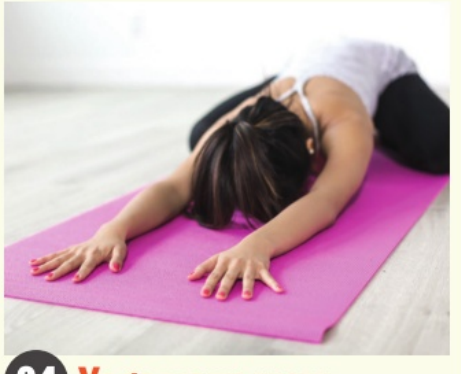
02 Thoughts, handwritten



Imagine receiving a letter from an anonymous sender. Imagine replying to this letter. See-Saw – a collaborative initiative by Sandbox Collective and supported by Goethe-Institut / Max Mueller Bhavan Bangalore -- began as an exercise to see how we engage with the idea of the 'other'. The portal will have the 80+ artistic responses, notes and letters that were born from this 10-week artistic exchange between anonymously paired Bengaluru-based artists via snail mail. **Where: sandboxcollective.org/see-saw When: Jan 22 onwards**

03 Revamp your cupboards

Indulge yourself with this 'Special Madhurya Online Sale' and give your wardrobe and home a makeover. Products include apparel (men's wear, ladies' wear and kids' wear) stoles, dupattas in various materials including chiffon, cotton and silk, jewellery of all kinds including silver, silk and Kanchi cotton saris, home décor products, Channapatna toys, pooja essentials and brass items. The proceeds will help girls' education in several non-profit schools across India.
Where: madhurya.com; When: Till Jan 31 Contact: 7019138680/ 9886051512



04 Yoga your way

Yoga refreshes your mind and spirit, tones your body and keeps your internal organs and hormonal system in balance. All the more reason for people of all ages to do yoga. In fact, yoga asanas are one of the few physical exercises you can continue doing as you age. Sign up for this online session on yoga and exercises that are perfect for beginners and senior citizens too.
Where: Online; When: Ongoing, 10 am Tickets: Rs 499, insider.in

Entrepreneur files case against former mentor

30-yr-old female startup founder accuses IIM-B alumnus of cheating her

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A successful city-based female entrepreneur has filed a case against an IIM-B alumnus for allegedly cheating her and stealing her ideas to launch his own start-up.

Shruthi Reddy, 30, a startup entrepreneur residing in Bommanahalli, had trusted an IIM-B alumni Madhu aka Madhusudhan, for turning her business into a successful multi-million-dollar organisation in Bengaluru, only to be allegedly cheated by him. Shruthi claims he not only stole her business ideas, but also her client information and other blueprints of her start-up to start his own.

Shruthi has now approached a local court and filed a private complaint against Madhu his wife along with his new company Believe Bereavement Technologies Private Limited, for cheating, extortion, criminal conspiracy, and criminal breach of trust among other sections under IPC. The court has directed the jurisdictional Avalahalli police to register an FIR and investigate.

Shruthi's Anthyesti Funeral Services is a startup that appeared in Shark Tank India Season 1 Episode 17, a global startup working in India as well as internationally. She founded the company in 2016 and worked hard to expand her business to Bengaluru, Delhi, Hyderabad, Pune and Varanasi.

Shruthi moved from Kolkata to Bengaluru in 2020 to expand her business in the city and was looking for a mentor who could guide her. She met Madhu who claimed to be an alumnus of Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore (IIM-B). They started discussing her start-up business ideas. "He started coming to my house, got introduced to my family and started mentoring me."

Madhu allegedly learnt about Shruthi's business system and framework where her employees could take care of the work unilaterally without even her presence. "Madhu would seek details of handwritings, signatures, horoscopes, astrology, numerology etc. not only of mine, but also of my employees," she said.

According to Shruthi, Madhu allegedly stole her ideas, blueprints, & even passwords

"The accused would allegedly siphon company funds into his personal bank accounts stating that he should be compensated for his work, alleges Shruthi

According to her, Madhu was trying to get into the company into a lead's position. "Madhu would portray himself that he was doing the work of three members without taking any breaks in 24 hours," Shruthi stated, adding that ultimately, three of her key employees quit working due to the alleged harassment by Madhu.

By the time she could realise that Madhu was not a mentor or a co-founder, he had allegedly pocketed her trade secrets, vendor lists, access passwords etc. Shruthi tried to get into a Non-Disclosure-Agreement (NDA) with Madhu, but he kept postponing it.

She then learnt that Madhu had been siphoning company funds into his personal bank accounts stating that he should be compensated for his work which infuriated her. She confronted him in person and told him bluntly that she did not require his services anymore. But by then, Madhu along with his wife had floated another funeral services company named Believe Bereavement Technologies Private Limited, allegedly using all the vendors lists that belonged to Shruthi. She then approached her lawyer and filed a private complaint against Madhu and his wife.

When Bangalore Mirror contacted Madhu, he said he did not want to respond to any allegations as they were false and baseless. "My lawyer will deal with the case in court and let the court decide who is right or wrong," Madhu said.

'Ganja cops' in trouble

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The two police constables who were caught near the Chief Minister's house in RT Nagar for allegedly carrying marijuana, have invited more trouble after a 34-year-old driver filed a complaint at the Koramangala police station accusing the duo of extortion.

Alla Bakash Illiyaz, a resident of LR Nagar in Adugodi, 'a drug addict', was caught by the two policemen near Koramangala BDA complex. Based on Illiyaz's complaint, police registered a case against Shiva Kumar, a resident of Adugodi police quarters and Santosh, a resident of Austin Town police quarters in Neelasandra.

On October 25, around 11 pm, while Illiyaz and his friend Syed Alim were 'smoking marijuana' near Koramangala BDA complex, the two policemen saw them. Illiyaz said while his friend managed to escape from the spot, he was caught by the two policemen. Upon checking Illiyaz, the duo recovered a small packet of marijuana. He alleged that the two policemen threatened to take him to the police station and file a complaint, and demanded Rs 1 lakh in cash to set him free. When he informed them that he did not have the money, the accused allegedly took Rs 5,000 from Illiyaz and asked him to leave after a warning not to disclose the matter to anyone, he told the police.

The two police constables were earlier caught near the CM's house carrying marijuana

A senior officer said the complainant who had not come forward earlier due to fear of landing in jail, approached the police after seeing the news of the two policemen being caught near the CM's house.

Koramangala police registered a case of extortion under section 384 of the Indian Penal Code against the two policemen.

On January 13, the two policemen in question on security duty at the residence of Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai in RT Nagar were arrested for allegedly carrying marijuana. The case had been handed over to the officials of the Central Crime Branch (CCB). Meanwhile, RT Nagar police station's inspector Ashwath Gowda and police sub-inspector Veerabhadraiah, were suspended in connection with the case.

FAKE NEWS BUSTER MIRROR

HERD IMMUNITY CAN END THE PANDEMIC

THE CLAIMS

Herd immunity will end the coronavirus pandemic, so vaccinations are not necessary.

SO, WHAT'S THE TRUTH?

This is a false claim. According to hopkinsmedicine.org, herd immunity is a term that refers to cases of an infectious disease slowing down and stopping when enough people in a population have immunity, either from getting and surviving a disease or from being vaccinated. For covid-19, letting people get the disease would result in many people getting severely sick, suffering lasting organ damage and even dying before herd immunity could occur. Being vaccinated for covid-19 drastically reduces your chance of having severe covid-19 if you are exposed to SARS-CoV-2, the coronavirus that causes the disease. Immunity from the vaccine may last longer than immunity from having covid-19. Also, vaccination reduces the number of infections that give the coronavirus an opportunity to mutate (change). Mutations (variants) of the virus can delay or even prevent herd immunity from being reached.

BUST FAKE NEWS WITH MIRROR

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Let's separate the news from the noise, Bengaluru. Tell us about that incredible-sounding story/news/alert that you've received on WhatsApp or social media and Bangalore Mirror researchers and editors will see if it checks out. If it doesn't, we'll call it out

TOPCOMMENTS

Trade needs to flourish

Ever since it was implemented, the weekend curfew and lockdown rules have been subject of much debate. Our story 'Govt to take a call on the weekend curfew' had several comments.
Sanjay Sharma (@sharma_sanjay) said: "We have found malls to be the safest place, all staff fully vaccinated. #CovidAppropriateBehaviour is maintained by majority of visitors; sanitiser used frequently. It is time to lift #WeekendCurfew from malls." Sajjan raj mehta (@sajjanrajmehta), said: "We appreciate and welcome the move... It will help trade and industry to survive as the last two years has been horrible for our revenue generation."

WEBHITS

3 most-read articles on the Mirror site

- Drop zone
- Metro airport line 49 properties away
- Government to take a call on weekend curfew today

Why the buzz is all around Nelamangala

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Many who plan to buy property are now eyeing areas in and around Nelamangala. Recently, reaching Nelamangala has become easier. The first reason is the construction of Nelamangala expressway. This six-lane access controlled road along with a four-lane toll free service road has made travel between Nelamangala and other parts of the city quite smooth.

As a result, many are now shifting towards Nelamangala and its suburbs like Sondekoppa Road so that they can easily commute back to the city for work.

The second advantage is the Metro network. Currently, the Metro network ends at Nagasandra but phase two of the Metro network is being extended to BIEC. There are proposals to extend the Metro beyond BIEC. This means that all those staying in and around Nelamangala can soon travel to BIEC to board a Metro train that connects different parts of the city.

The third advantage is that Nelamangala is blessed with multiple connecting roads; the Hassan Road, Tumakuru Road, Airport Road (via Madhure), NICE Road. This is helping people to relocate to Nelamangala as they can travel to various parts of Bengaluru and beyond without getting stuck in traffic.

The fourth advantage is that many staying in the heart of Bengaluru are preferring to relocate to Nelamangala as they can build comfortable houses and de-stress themselves from the city traffic. As travelling across the city is easier from Nelamangala, their dream houses are coming in and around the Nelamangala area.

The fifth advantage is there are a number of industries located in and around Nelamangala. This is resulting in not just a realty boom but also a job boom. Many are getting work in and around Nelamangala. So, staying in and around this area and going to work will be saving a lot of time for them instead of heading to other parts of the city.

“Nelamangala-Sondekoppa road is seeing a big growth in realty. Many prefer to settle down here.

Nelamangala is also close to many other roads. As Nelamangala is a growing suburb, many want to move out of Bengaluru and relocate to places in and around here

— Pradeep Shetty,
Marketing team head, Shetty and Shetty Constructions and Housing

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Realty check for 2022

Real estate sector seems to have come out of the woods lately and the growth momentum is expected to continue in 2022

After a challenging 2020, 2021 has been a triumphant year for the Indian real estate market, with both residential and commercial property sectors performing very well in the last few months. Besides, the pandemic has proven to be a learning experience for developers and home-buyers.

The world is powerfully moving to consumer-oriented service offerings, and the real estate sector is closely following behind. From the nascent stages of defining the target consumer to the entire consumer engagement lifecycle, the real estate sector has witnessed a sharp shift in offering tailored services to customers.

Furthermore, with the introduction of technological innovations, the ability to reach, engage and transact is not improving but is also driving efficacy within the sector.

Finding opportunity in adversity has been the need of the hour, and the real estate sector has moved with the tide, undeterred, only to lead by example. Who would have ever thought successful real estate sales could have been executed virtually? What once used to be an industry that relied on a blend of physical and digital activations has gradually moved to a digitally dependent one.

Technological advancements in real estate have become an inseparable part of the global landscape. It is

The real estate sector has witnessed a sharp shift in offering tailored services to customers

encouraging to witness the Indian real estate industry embrace technology and innovations to fortify business operations further and redefine industry standards. Chatbots, Artificial Intelligence (AI), Augmented/Virtual Reality (AR/VR), online bookings, and other new-age tools ensured no breakdown in communication between developers and customers.

Further, big data, machine learning and the Internet of Things (IoT) have helped the market continue functioning. As site visits became limited due to strict adherence to Covid–19 protocols, homebuyers relied on virtual site tours, full-length 3D videos, as well as enhanced pictures and real-time property updates.

Post-pandemic, the real estate industry has become a buyer's market, with a customer-centric attitude driving growth. As a result, developers have had to devise new ways to communicate and advertise. Dependency on digital marketing and social media engagement helped bridge the gap while accelerating sales.

Amid extended work-from-home, the pandemic has helped people realise the importance of owning a home, especially as an investment. And home loan interest rates being at an all-time low has only further encouraged people to consider their decision to invest in real estate instead of renting out.

— Samujjwal Ghosh, COO of Xanadu Realty for Times Property

Magadi Road: The right choice for home-buyers

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The areas in and around Magadi road and Tavarekere are becoming the major hotspots for property investment. In the last five years, there has been immense growth due to many reasons like development of roads, flyovers, expressways and more. Industrial development is also one of the major positives.

This is a goot bet for investment as it will be considered as the satellite city in the future. The affordable housing option is a plus point as well. Property developers suggest that it is the right time to invest in areas in and around Magadi road and Tavarekere as one can buy plot of sizes of their choice at affordable prices. Magadi Road also offers good connectivity to many areas. This is attractive for companies to set up their branches. Residents too are happy wi the area.

Magadi Road is located in the western part of Bengaluru. Commercial developments and Metro have been prominent in recent days. There are many factories here and employment has increased . This area is more convenient and has improved connectivity which no longer looks like the outskirts. Infrastructure around Magadi Road is one of the major reasons for growth in this area. There isn't any problem with transportation because cabs and BMTC buses run on a regular basis. Compared to the prices in other parts of the city, Magadi Road is quite reasonable.

Many areas on the periphery are seeing a big boom in the property market and one among the hotspots are the plots near Nelamangala-Tavarekere and Magadi roads.

Even property buyers and developers agree that connectivity is the major plus point. Currently, the Metro network has been extended till Bangalore International Exhibition Centre (BIEC) on Nelamangala road while there is a plan to build Metro till Kadabagere on Magadi road.

As the construction work is nearly complete, the BMRCL is now planning to throw open this project by next year. Once the Metro line is open, then it will be easier for the locals to travel to Majestic, Kanakapura and Mysuru roads easily.

"The Metro extension and four-laning of Bengaluru-Magadi road is turning out to be a boon for the property buyers. The locations are good and one can buy property of their choice.

— Avinash, Director, Swastik Ventures

All the fuss around a studio apartment

Affordability is still the numero uno advantage of studio apartments. This budget-sized configuration is a fancier, polished and amenity-decked version of the erstwhile one-room-kitchen. Even during the Covid-19 pandemic, many developers pushed studio apartments in India's metros where budget homeseekers are in abundance.

"The need for a bigger home will remain as work-from-home and online schooling continue this year as well," says Rajani Sinha, chief economist and national director – research, Knight Frank India. But the question of affordability remains. So, will people buy a studio apartment in 2022?

Schemes Galore

If purchased under government schemes, studio apartments can save anywhere between Rs 1 to 4 lakh due to their smaller size and lower cost. Niranjan Hiranandani, vice chairman-national, NAREDCO, says, "The studio apartment is the 'boutique apartment', efficiently crafted to befit the requirements of young homebuyers. Along with rapid urbanisation, the realisation that the safest place to be in such challenging times as the pandemic is one's own home also translates into a need for a home that meets the requirements of young homebuyers. This is where studio apartments come in. They offer a solution as entry-level homes for first-time homebuyers."

Affordability Is Key

The Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE) says that unemployment in urban areas has gone up to 9.3 per cent in December 2021 from 8.09 per cent in January 2021.

Harish Sharma, founder of a real estate firm, describes how this is directly affecting the studio apartment. "Covid-19 has made many people lose their jobs or face salary cuts. Under such circumstances, studio apartments offer the right affordability. The EMI of a studio apartment is equal to rent which could be a major attraction for youngsters. This is an affordable and manageable asset with relatively low registration charges, stamp duty charges, and other paperwork too."

So are new projects even launching studio apartments? Yes, they are. In fact, developers ensure that there are a few of them in every new project as they are often picked up fast by discerning millennial investors.

"Many big developers include studio apartments in their projects as these are the first few to go off the shelf along with 1BHKs," shares Sharma.

Millennials continue to show interest in buying versus renting a home, observes Shishir Baijal, director, Knight Frank India.

Re-Definition

Though affordability is a draw of studio apartments, the charm of owning a studio apartment 'styled' home has also become a trend. A subgenre of the studio apartment is now the luxury segment wherein homes as big as a three or a four-bedroom apartment are also desired for their larger windows, good ventilation, brick walls and minimalist space-saving designs.

Times Property

Cabbies up in arm against bike taxis

The drivers demand Rapido services be stopped across Karnataka

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Members of cab drivers' association stage protest against Rapido bike taxi service

The city's cab drivers' association have called for a ban on bike-taxi service, Rapido in the state, taking objection to the use of white-board two-wheelers for commercial purposes.

Cab drivers claim that while they need to operate under a slew of restrictions and mandates, it is sufficient for Rapido drivers to own a mobile phone and have the app installed. Taxi drivers are mandated to operate with the yellow board, incur taxes annually and use the same vehicle registered in the app. The opposition has now arisen with many drivers facing difficulty finding riders during the pandemic.

"For us to secure our driver badge, we need to have a whiteboard DL for a year and need to have passed SSLC and PUC. Further, if we don't own a display card, we are fined for it. Still, we are facing difficulty finding passengers," said a cab driver. Another cab driver noted that they are also mandated to drive the same vehicle registered with the on-hire service, however there is no such rule for Rapido riders.

President of Bharatha Transport Association Group, Jayanna said, "On top of plying illegally in the city using white-board, there is no security for passengers and they don't get insurance in case of an accident. They also don't give taxes to the government and yet they have contributed to huge losses for cab drivers across the state. We demand that Rapido services be stopped across the state."

> **"Rapido bike taxi riders don't pay taxes to the government and yet they have contributed to huge losses for cab drivers across the state** – Jayanna, Bharatha Transport Association Group

"Cab drivers are at a terrible loss. Drivers plying first and foremost have to pay EMIs irrespective of earnings. Financial companies from whom they have secured the loan are seizing the cars without providing due notice or following the process.In addition, drivers had to face weekend curfew that has made it very difficult for us to work. We will be filing a case soon against Rapido to cease its operations in Karnataka," added Jayanna.

"Bike Taxi service, Rapido has no permission and they have been operating illegally running under the taxi aggregator app. We have been seizing bikes that violate traffic rule violations. However, they have filed a petition in the High Court, and until the next hearing, we cannot take any coercive steps," said Narendra Holkar, Additional Commissioner of Transport (enforcement).

Auto drivers also nodded with the drivers' association regarding the ban on Rapido services. "We are not earning enough to pay EMIs or house rents. The situation has been deplorable for the past 3 years. We are not able to ply at night due to restrictions. If services like Rapido are allowed to operate, it's an injustice to us," said Sampath, General Secretary of Adarsha Auto Union.

Rapido co-founder Aravind Sanka said that operating and convincing regulators of the workings and benefits of bike taxis is a continuous process. "We are also in touch with the concerned department seeking their help in understanding the legal framework, and we're hoping to hear back soon so we can continue to adhere to it. Furthermore, the company has received assurances from the high court that no coercive measures will be used against it until a policy is in place."

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Pothole woes

JP Nagar

Movement of heavy vehicles on 12A Cross, 22nd Main Road in JP Nagar created a huge crack and pothole near the manhole. The huge pothole is likely to pose danger to passersby. The authorities should take immediate steps to repair the road.

Illegal boards

RT Nagar

Many shops on Dinnur Main Road in RT Nagar place their boards on the footpath. No one is bothered about the boards encroaching the footpath. There are many schools in the surrounding area. It is causing inconvenience to the pedestrians including students.

Hot Fuzz: More rainy days in state

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are considered winter months with meagre rainfall, but rainfall events are being recorded not just in Karnataka, but also in neighbouring states," said Dr GS Srinivasa Reddy, director, Karnataka State Natural Disaster Management Centre (KSNDMC).

When looked at, in conjunction with the recent findings of the researchers at the Center for Study of Science, Technology and Policy (CSTEP), it's not a pretty picture. Winters are expected to be warmer; summers will be scorching, and the rainy season will be long-drawn-out. These changes in climate patterns are expected across Karnataka, according to the study.

The report, 'District-Level Changes in Climate: Historical Climate and Climate Change Projections for the Southern States of India', mentions changes in climate patterns that are likely to occur in South India over the next three decades, compared to the historical 30 years, between 1991 and 2019. "According to our analysis, in the last three decades, there has been an increase in the summer maximum temperature by 0.18°C to 0.61°C and the winter minimum temperature by 0.3°C to 0.65°C in the different districts of Karnataka. The rainfall shows an increasing trend during this period in all the districts, with up to 15% to 25% increase in the Western Ghats districts but has been highly variable. We have done climate change projections using this analysis for the next 30 years (2021-2050) under moderate emissions and high emissions scenarios," said Dr Indu K Murthy, sector head – Climate, Environment and Sustainability at CSTEP.

As per the report, there will be an increase in summer maximum temperature by 0.5 °C to 1.5 °C, with a majority of the districts projected to warm by 1 °C to 1.5 °C, particularly under the high emissions scenario. This includes the already warm districts of North Karnataka.

Winter minimum temperature is also projected to increase, particularly higher in the northern districts of Karnataka, by up to 2 °C.

Unpredictable rains

As per the study, the number of rainy days is estimated to increase in all the districts of Karnataka. Moreover, rainfall is projected to increase during both kharif (June to September) and rabi (October to December) seasons across all the districts. Up to 26% increase in rainfall during the kharif season is expected in Kolar district, and during the rabi season the increase will be up to 34% in Bidar district.

When it comes to rainfall variability during the kharif season, it will increase in most of the districts by up to 14%, and this includes many of the low rainfall receiving northern districts of Karnataka. However, rainfall variability during the rabi season is projected to decline in all the districts of the state.

"Variability in rainfall during kharif or rabi seasons has implications for agriculture, more so in Karnataka as the geographical area falling under rainfed agriculture is quite large. It has impacts on crop growth and yield, and therefore on farmers' lives and livelihoods. Increase in rainfall, its variability and frequency of heavy rainfall events also has implications for water management, health of humans and livestock because of the changes likely in the occurrence of pests and diseases. It may also impact infrastructure in some regions," said Dr Indu.

While the study predicts an increase in heavy rainfall events in all the districts of Karnataka, it is notable in the coastal districts of Kodagu, Udupi and Uttara Kannada. Even in some of the north Karnataka districts of Yadgir, Bidar and Koppal, and in Kolar, more than five additional days of heavy rainfall are projected every year in the next 30 years.

"Anthropogenic factors play a big role in inducing such climate variability. As per my study too, in the last 30 years, there has been an increase in rainfall in southern parts of Karnataka including Bengaluru. Districts like Kodagu have shown a decrease in rainfall which is a concern because it is part of the Cauvery catchment," said Dr Reddy.

The way forward

Experts are of the view that under such circumstances, climate-resilient agriculture is the way forward.

"Variability of rainfall translates to uncertainty of rainfall. This means the rainfall that occurs in one month will occur over two days, and the rainfall that occurs during one season will come down over one month's time, leaving the rest of the months dry. To match these climate variabilities, we need to go for a change in cropping pattern and crop variety; adopt climate change resilient-agriculture to meet the needs. There must be mitigation strategies to climate change such as excess water during heavy rainfall should be stored and used as a resource," added Dr Reddy.

The fudging four: Supermarket employees collude to filch over ₹30L

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The operations head of a supermarket in Mahadevapura has filed a complaint against four of the store's employees for allegedly cheating the company of Rs. 30 lakh by collecting money from customers and not depositing it wiht the company since August last year.

Raviraj S Shetty, the operational head of Super Market Grocery supplies Pvt Ltd located in Doddanekkundi, has filed a complaint with the Mahadevapura police against the accused, Vonid H, the manager, Madhukar H, the data entry operator, Shaikh Tousif Ullah, sales incharge and Karnool Lokesh, an employee.

Shetty told Bangalore Mirror that sales in the supermarket would be around 10 - 15 lakh per day of which half of them would be cash on delivery. "Money from customers who pay through card or online would be directly deposited in the company's account. But, cash from the COD needs to be collected and updated on the

system on a daily basis," Shetty said. All the four accused had colluded, Shetty said, and they hid the figures of the entire sales while updating the COD and updated it with false numbers. "In January first week, we started to observe that the data entry operator had stopped updating the sales on the system and when we contacted him, he informed us that he would update but did not turn up that weekend," he said.

They found this to be fishy and so they checked the updated data of that month and found out that there were differences. "The sales and the amount deposited did not match. We started to check the data of last year as well and found out that the four had been manipulating the data and did not show the entire amount of COD received since August. So far we have calculated the amount to be around Rs. 30.26 lakh but, the amount could be much higher than this," he said.

A senior police officer said that the day the company started the audit, all the four accused went absconding. "One of them manipulated the sales, one of them did the wrong entry of data while the other two collected and distributed the COD amount. We are currently on the lookout for them," he said. Mahadevapura police have registered a case of cheating and are investigating.

Kids rock: An all-new Bal Bhavan, we await

Space for kids in Cubbon Park to get a new look by April; therapeutic park, first-of-its-kind in country, for specially abled also on the cards

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Bal Bhavan at Cubbon Park which was a centre of attraction for children had over the years fallen into a bad shape with maintenance not being carried out at the premises. But there is hope, folks. By April this year, the place would be given a new look, and the major attraction is slated to be a therapeutic park, a first in the country, which is a play area for the specially abled children.

The Bangalore Smart City Limited (BSCL) will recreate Bal Bhavan at a project estimate of Rs 6.5 crore. According to the project plan, Bal Bhavan's main entry, lake development and inclusive park will be recreated. In the inclusive park, the space will have sand pits, leisure play, therapeutic work, planner box, seating area and a central mound.

In the therapeutic park, the use of wheelchairs is possible. The playing equipment is designed in a way that it has wheelchair swings, carousel, see saws, rock climbers, mountain climbers, roller slides, basket ball area, stepped seaters, play panels, wide stairway, all disabled friendly, which would make it easier and accessible for every child to play.

Further in the lake development area, a bridge connected in between the body will take one to the space where the look of an amphitheatre will be created, with separate space for seating, and a stage to conduct shows. The water body around it will be the space for boating.

While at the entrance of the main gate, there will be fabrication with coloured flooring pattern, which would indicate the entry area of the Bal bhavan.

The ticket counter, railway station block, information kiosk, toilet at the entrance will be given an upgraded look. An online ticketing system will also be introduced.

Shrigowri, Assistant Engineer(AE) for Cubbon Park BSCL, said, "The idea is to keep it people friendly. While we are redoing the Bal Bhavan, most of the equipments which are already at the space like the toy train and other playing equipment will be retained. We will not bring in any major changes as it is an age old space. The basic structure will remain unchanged, we shall keep the old look intact. The therapeutic park will stand as a major attraction, the equipment is being developed by Mindtree to make it disabled friendly."

Plantation work is in progress around the area that is designed to look like an amphitheatre, which will have shows for children

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> – Shrigowri, AE Cubbon Park BSCL

Shrigowri added that currently landscaping work is in progress the BSCL is aiming to complete the project by April. " We will be adding different plants around the open theatre. Many flowering plants will be added to give it a better look," she said.

Better benches will be installed for parents and the walking track will be made with pebble stones, so that toddlers and senior citizens can walk with ease.

Man electrocuted while cleaning sump

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The Vidyaranyapura police have booked two persons for criminal negligence after a 24-year-old man was killed after he got electrocuted inside a sump which he was cleaning at a house in Vidyaranyapura on Wednesday. The accused have been identified by the police as Varun, owner of a sump cleaning company, and Sajeev Chandrashekar, owner of the house where the sump was being cleaned. The deceased has been identified as Shivakumar PN, a resident of Srinagar, who had come to Bengaluru only three months ago for a job. He had joined Varun's sump cleaning company three months ago and used to go along with workers to clean sumps at houses and commercial establishments across the city, the police said.

Deceased Shivakumar's elder brother Shashikumar PN, who works as a supervisor at a hotel in the city has filed a complaint with the police on Wednesday against Varun and Sajeev Chandrashekar. According to Shashikumar, he received a phone call from Varun around 10 am who told him that his brother had suffered an electric shock while he was cleaning the sump and he has been rushed to the MS Ramaiah Hospital. Around 10.30 am, Shashikumar reached the hospital where he was told by the doctors that he was undergoing treatment at the ICU, but later the doctors told him he had succumbed to the injuries.

Shashikumar then approached Varun and sought an explanation as to how his brother died. He then filed a complaint with the Vidyaranyapura police who have taken up a case against the two accused for not providing protective gears or taking precautionary measures to prevent the accident. "We have taken up a case of criminal negligence causing accidental death against the two and further investigations are underway," said a senior police officer.

Narrow escape as bus catches fire

Several bus passengers had a narrow escape on Friday when the bus they were travelling in caught fire near Chamarajpet. Around 11.30 am, BMTC bus number KA-57 F- 1592 attached to Depot 16 in Deepanjalinagar caught fire while carrying 25 passengers on route number 43B from Kempegowda Bus Station to hosakerehalli, near Makkalakoota signal. The driver's timely alert helped all passengers deboard and there were no casualties. The fire brigade team immediately controlled the further spread. The vehicle was moved to the central workshop. —BMB

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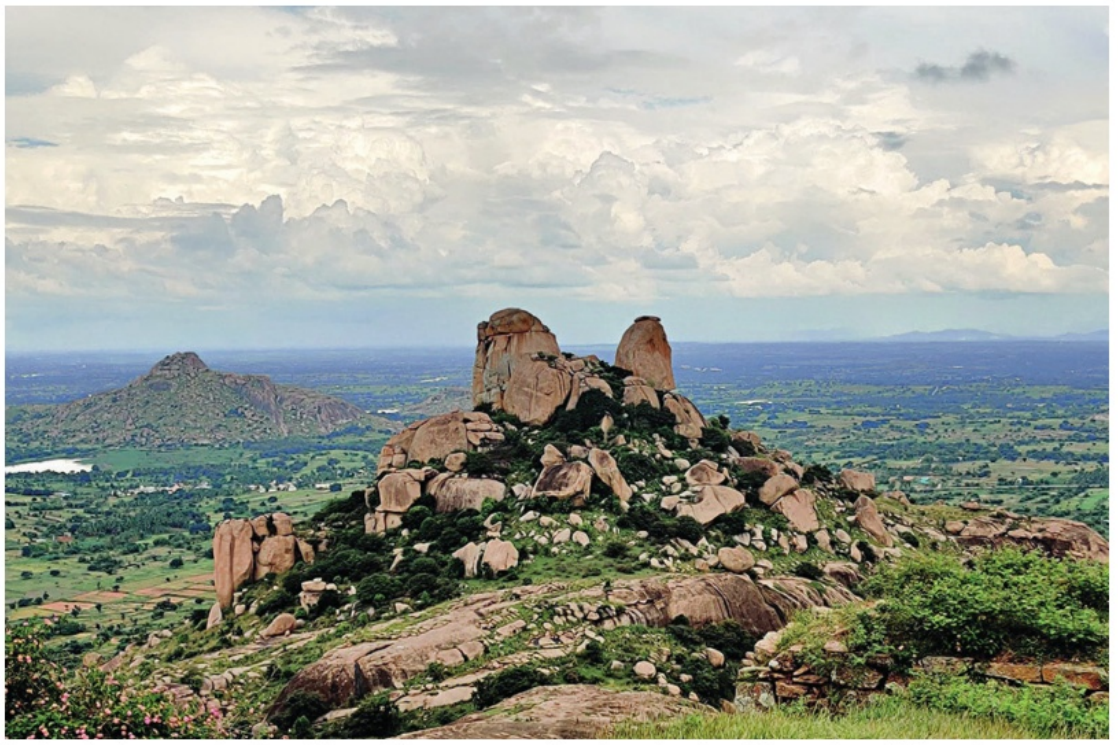

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Residents rage over waste

Halasuru's vax centre is a hotbed of germs, filth, and insects

From plastic waste to gunny bags, to people urinating, the area is a dumping yard

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The vaccination centre at Halasuru, which was previously where the Indira Canteen was located, has been a black spot for quite some time now, and despite residents complaining for quite some time, nothing has been done to alleviate the problems that were faced by them.

Mohan Kumar, a freelance relocating agent and a resident of the area said: "There is a public toilet very close to the vaccination centre. The workers work there, and they often throw the debris right in front of the vaccination centre. People urinate here late in the evening. There is not much security either."

The area has been a dumping zone for quite some time now. The residents have tried communicating with BBMP officials and pourakarmikas. Despite the repeated requests, the dirt has not been cleared yet. The residents fear that the dirt might lead to several infections. Kutty Raj, a resident of the area said, "People come here to get their vaccines. Because of this dirt, they will go back with more infections."

Venkatesh V, an upholstery worker and a resident of the area, said: "The road is filled with gunny bags and all such sorts of plastic waste. Because of all this waste that is thrown here, the beauty of the area has been completely spoilt. It always looks so dirty."

Gopinath T, another resident of this area, has the same complaints. He said, "While coming back from work, I saw that instead of the waste being cleared, more waste had accumulated there. It is a big hindrance to the people staying here."

The residents fear that the small children living there might get affected because of the rodents and insects that are attracted by the waste. They also feel that if the waste is not cleared immediately, the place will start giving off noxious fumes.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Vidhana Soudha was completed in four years: construction began in 1952 and was finished in 1956. About 5,000 labourers and 1,500 chisellers, masons and woodcarvers worked on the project. Almost all the unskilled workers deployed in its construction were convicts, who were given their freedom on its completion. The entire cost of the project was Rs 1.75 crore. Everyone knows that the Vidhana Soudha houses the state secretariat and legislature, and that it was the brainchild of the late Kengal Hanumanthaiah, Chief Minister of Mysore state. But did you know that it is truly a secular edifice, showing features of British, Dravidian, and Indo-Islamic architecture? The Vidhana Soudha is built largely with "Bangalore granite", excavated from the areas around Mallasandra and Hessaraghatta. For visual effect and relief, "Magadi pink" and "Turuvekere black" stones have also been used.

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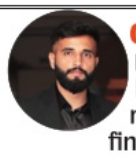
Do you think the current fine of Rs 250 for violating covid norms in public is adequate? If no, what are the solutions you suggest?

Pooja Panchal
Second-year journalism student
I don't think it's adequate because people aren't serious about it and fines just aren't enough. People still roam without masks and don't maintain social distancing. Punishments should be severe, and cops should be present everywhere.



Chandan HC
Final-year engineering student
I feel fines are adequate because many people would fear to pay fines and would follow protocols. Nobody would want to waste their money for something that's not right. Other measures are also necessary.

Nithin Nagraj
Professor of psychology
Fines are a good way to go, but our people are adamant and least bothered. They don't care for all these things and collecting fines is not adequate. Censoring them through social media, seizing their vehicles as we did during the first wave would be a better option.

Gopal Krishna

Final-year engineering student
Fines are not just adequate because there are many other protocols to be followed. At least 50 per cent of the shops and theatres should be shut down. No marriages or religious gatherings should be made, and all the temples should be compulsorily closed with no permission to enter.

Iksha Jaiswal
Final-year student of mass communication
Fines should be expensive so that many people can't afford to pay them and at least then, they would follow covid protocols. Other protocols are important too and fines should be made compulsory, and the authorities should take very strict actions against people who don't follow rules.

SPEAK TO US

What are your covid-appropriate plans now that the weekend curfew has been lifted?

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Are we free this weekend?

Guys, the curfew is withdrawn, but do take it easy as covid numbers are nothing to party about. And the night curfew is on so stay home

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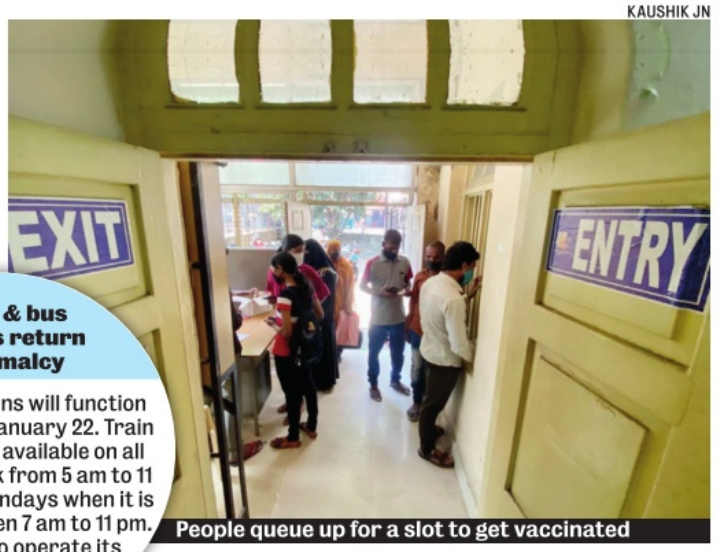

People queue up for a slot to get vaccinated

Bowing to pressure from the public and businesses, the State Government withdrew the controversial weekend curfew. The decision was taken at a high level meeting chaired by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Friday. This means that starting from January 22, there won't be any weekend restrictions. However, night curfew between 10 pm to 5 am every day, and all other covid curbs including 50 per cent capacity in restaurants and other places will continue.

Metro & bus services return to normalcy

Now, Metro trains will function normally from January 22. Train services will be available on all days of the week from 5 am to 11 pm except on Sundays when it is available between 7 am to 11 pm. BMTC will also operate its services on weekends.

However, Revenue Minister R Ashoka said the decision has been taken based on the experts' report and it is subject to conditions. "Now the rate of hospitalisation is about 5 per cent. In case it increases we will re-impose weekend curfew. There has been demand from people, various organisations and political leaders from across party lines to lift weekend curfew, but we have taken this decision based on experts' reports. But the night curfew, along with a 50 per cent occupancy rule among others will continue," he said. He said the restrictions on protests, rallies, fairs and events will also continue. Reacting to the decision, trade activist Sajjan Raj Mehta said, "We appreciate and welcome the move as it will help industry to survive as last two years has been horrible for revenue generation." Bruhat Bengaluru Hotels Association president PC Rao said the decision will help revive business which was severely hit by weekend lockdowns.

Justifying the decision on the night curfew, Ashoka in response to a question said, "There is a need to restrict night activities like partying...covid is still around."

No offline classes

Primary and Secondary Education Minister BC Nagesh said hat the government will decide on reopening schools and colleges in the city on January 29, while in other places they will continue to operate as they are doing now.

Except Bengaluru the decision to close schools will be taken by Deputy Commissioners of the district in consultation with Assistant Commissioner, Tahsildar, Taluk Health Officer and Block Education Officer, by taking into account school as a unit. In case of high positivity at any school, it will shut for about seven days, and three days in case of less positivity. "As there is less positivity rate among children of 6-15 years, we will continue to operate schools as it is going on now (other than in Bengaluru)," he said. Reacting to this, educationist D Shashi Kumar said, "For the next week, we will adopt a wait and watch approach. But, we urge the government to start the offline classes as soon as possible as it is hurting the learning curve."

GUIDELINES

- Night curfew to continue from 10 pm to 5 am
- All rallies, dharnas, congregations, etc, including social, religious, political protests, and procession are prohibited
- Marriage functions are permitted to be conducted involving not more than 200 people in open spaces and 100 people in closed places
- Pubs/clubs/restaurants/bars/hotels/eating places in hotel etc, will function with 50 per cent occupancy
- Cinema halls/multiplexes/theatres/rangamandira/auditoriums to operate with 50 per cent seating capacity and entry will be restricted to fully vaccinated persons
- Intensive surveillance at the border of Maharashtra, Kerala and Goa states shall continue as per the prevailing circular/guidelines
- The Chief Commissioner BBMP may impose additional containment measures as deemed necessary

65.9% kids' vaxxed in state, BBMP must buck up

The children's vaccination that started on January 3 in the state, has so far completed 65.9% coverage in the state, while Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike with 52% coverage has still been laggin behind in comparison to other districts.

Going by the figures from Cowin portal until Thursday, 26 out of 31 districts have achieved coverage above 60%, but five districts are lacking behind, which include bellary with 59%, Bidar reported 58%, Raichur with 55% and the lowest is BBMP at 52% and Kalaburagi with 51%.

The districts with the highest coverage amongst children vaccination is Gadag with 99%, Kodagu and Udupi at 87%, Uttar Kannada with 83% and Bengaluru Urban, Dakshin Kannada with 79% each.

Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar stated that with 65.9% , two third of the children in the 15-18 years age group are vaccinated with the first dose.

In other districts, parents are still hesitant and many children haven't come forward yet. "Many parents are still scared about getting their children vaccinated. We have been educating the parents to not be apprehensive and get their children vaccinated at the earliest. We cannot force the children or parents for vaccination," said a health official from Kalaburgi.

BBMP was doing well, but as classes went online, vaccination numbers dropped

BBMP initially started with a high coverage of children during roll out, but it slowed down once many schools went on online classes mode. "Drives were being carried out in schools and colleges. Once online classes started, the vaccination drive started to see a drop. Hopefully if the schools start again next week, we will be able to finish of the vaccinations at the earliest. Some parents also say they would get their children vaccinated in private hospitals and refrain from sending their children to the vaccination drive at schools," said a BBMP health officer. The officer also said that BBMP has carried out high coverage with 2,30,787 as of Thursday, out of the 4,42,786.

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Remains of a pandemic

The theatre of the absurd continues to manifest in all worldly realms as at long last the pandemic is beginning to show tell-tale signs of easing in the purported third wave, with relatively lower fatalities and hospitalisations at large. At the moment, the one thought in the mind of the average human the world over is, let's get on with our lives, shall we?

Anthony Fauci, the US doctor who became popular during covid-19, reportedly said now there is no escape, indeed. Everyone on the planet shall contract covid-19 at some point or the other, according to the doctor. Now, that hits the last nail on the covid coffin, doesn't it?

At the outset, the year 2022 appears equally promising as it could be potentially deadly as we wriggle out of the pandemic's shadow. Brexiteer prime minister Boris Johnson is left suspended at the end of the tether almost on the verge of losing the British premiership — accused of having lied to that country's parliament about partying his way through the pandemic. There is some degree of accountability, however, in comparison with politicians back here, forced to assume responsibility for one's deeds though Boris was caught in the act.

Yes, it is democracy at work in the UK, even for a conservative government, where criticism is welcome from all spheres, not just blind praise. And of course, not leaving the citizens to clean up after and pretend nothing is ever wrong about what you do or never talk about what you did wrong ever after.

Well, before the most touted next-in-line Rishi Sunak, the current British chancellor to the exchequer, is introduced and celebrated as the first Indian-origin British premier by the eager media here — if it comes down to that — it is essential to recall that it was not so long ago ultra-rich Sunak was accused of dubiously directing parliamentary contracts to his wife's firm as the Guardian had revealed in an extensive investigative report. There is a Bengaluru connection too — I shall leave you to figure it out.

That said, amidst reports suggesting 40% of the Tories want Johnson to resign, a Tory backbencher saying, 'In God's name, please go', and another conservative MP defecting to the Labour Party in the House of Commons, Sunak is no doubt the favourite to be the next British PM. Only if Johnson agrees to leave, which he is in no mood to.

I brought up the Johnson fiasco to remind our collective conscience of the need to hold elected representatives accountable — nevertheless citing an episode in a country that enslaved us for about two centuries. When a sitting prime minister there is brought to his knees for violating covid-19 norms that he himself drafted for his people, it is a tragic story unfolding in India if we are to analyse the pandemic years in retrospect, only briefly.

As a TOI report published on Wednesday said ex-gratia claims put covid-19 deaths as much as nine and seven times the official toll in Gujarat and Telangana, India is said to have churned out 40 billionaires during the pandemic. The Oxfam analysis released at the virtual World Economic Forum session, that cited the jump in billionaire numbers from 102 to 143, also noted 4.6 crore Indians were driven to extreme poverty in 2020, almost doubling the previous count. Moreover, the 4.6 crore hapless Indians make up half of the new global poor. On the contrary, Rs 57.3 lakh crore was the total worth of 100 richest Indians, a record high in 2021.

This is just preposterous. The aforementioned bits of information should alarm any sane soul about the economic trajectory of this country and our beloved city. It is quite certain that there is going to be a rush of job seekers landing in Indian cities sooner - Bengaluru included - as the covid-19 wave subsides. It is paradoxical that the pandemic is leaving us with an even more unequal society in the most testing times in recent history.

Elsewhere, politicians are scrambling to divert attention from home affairs as Joe Biden completes a year as US president — with all eyes on the brewing Russia-Ukraine standoff. Back here, as the stage is set for the most awaited Uttar Pradesh assembly elections — neither is the Ganga clean nor are the cities smart — we know the chaos that was unleashed in the Central Business District of Bengaluru for the 'smart business'. Do we have the two crore jobs that were promised at the least? I am told unemployment is — amid rising fuel prices — at an all time high.

One wonders why the aforementioned issues that are at the core of the decision making process of the Indian electorate before any poll are the least talked about amidst the daily political skullduggery broadcast to unsuspecting folks in Indian drawing rooms.

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Mysuru's covid graph goes north

The district leads State tally with 34.45% TPR, leaving behind Bengaluru Urban at 11th spot

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Mysuru has the highest Test Positivity Rate (TPR) in the State, according to the latest report from the covid task force. The team, which tabulates the TPR across the districts has found (as on January 20) that Mysuru's TPR was 34.45 per cent, followed by Mandya at 33.23 per cent and Bengaluru Rural is at 31.76 per cent.

Bengaluru Urban is now at the 11th spot with 23.6 per cent TPR. This is an indicator as to how Bengaluru, which was earlier the epicentre of the covid spread in the State, is now seeing the spread in other districts. While many southern districts in the State are having high TPR, the northern districts are seeing comparatively lower TPR. Bagalkot district had the lowest TPR with 1.3 per cent.

Meanwhile, Karnataka reported 48,049 fresh cases on Friday while Bengaluru's share was 29,068. The TPR in State was 19.23 per cent with 18,115 discharge following recovery. The active cases in the State were 3, 23,143 (including 2.23 lakh in Bengaluru). Around 22 people including six in Bengaluru died of covid.

Despite strict imposition of weekend curfew, covid-19 cases increase in Mysuru

Kids' covid tally continues to be low

According to the latest report from the State covid war room, the infection spread in children (0-18) was lesser than adults. "The ratio of TPR among children to TPR among adults was calculated for different months (Wave 2 and Wave 3). The ratio has declined from 2nd Wave to 3rd Wave, which shows that manifested covid infection spread among children in third wave is lower than it was during the second wave. In other words, covid-19 is spreading more among adults than children during the third wave. In January, the kids' TPR was 5.69 per cent while adults' TPR was 13.31 per cent," the report said.

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>
> –Covid war room

Six members can be registered using one mobile number on Co-WIN

Instead of the existing limit of four members, now six individuals can be registered using one mobile number on the Co-WIN portal.

A new utility feature has been introduced through which the beneficiary can manually revoke their current vaccination status from fully vaccinated to partially vaccinated or unvaccinated status and also from partially vaccinated to unvaccinated status.

In occasional isolated cases, vaccination certificates are generated due to inadvertent data entry errors by the vaccinator in updating the vaccination data of beneficiaries.

The changes may take three to seven days after submitting an online request. Such beneficiaries can get their due vaccine dose, may be at the nearest vaccination centre, once new vaccination status is successfully updated in the system, said an official statement from PIB.

Why different is always beautiful

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to communicate with others. If our community is more inclusive and aware of the problems people with disabilities face, it would be a lot easier for them to lead a life without many obstacles. I realised how much impact our society makes on every individual's life including people with disabilities. If we change the mindset of people in our communities towards individuals with disabilities and change how they perceive disabilities, it would make a major impact on the differently abled."

Mitravinda told BM that she always wanted to help the differently abled and bring a change in the society and through her school, she got a platform to do so on 1M1B Foundation (1 Million for 1 Billion) — a UN-accredited not-for-profit organisation that mobilises youths in climate change, environment, education, health and wellness, water conservation, entrepreneurship, and suchlike. She said she started the project, Handicapables' in November 2020, to empower the differently abled community by creating an inclusive and accommodative environment.

Mitravinda Vivek started Handicapables' in November 2020

"It aims to minimise discrimination shown against the differently abled by bringing about changes by implementing new policies. The environment around us is so difficult for us (without disabilities) to navigate broken footpaths and bad roads; we should think of how difficult it might be for the differently abled. It's a two-way approach: awareness and advocacy — I conduct sessions to create awareness stressing on the importance of being an inclusive society, and teach the public Indian sign language, and secondly advocating towards making public spaces and communities in Bengaluru more disabled-friendly," she said.

Sharing her experience with differently abled persons, Mitravinda added: "When I meet them, they often tell me how they are excluded from the society and how people demotivate them thinking that they are not capable of anything, though they indeed are. We need to provide them with a better society with no barriers in environment, education and job opportunities to be able to lead a normal life like us. Initially, when I started off, I only knew I wanted to help but didn't know how to and my mentor, Reena Joseph, helped me a lot to come up with creative ideas and extend help to differently abled citizens."

Mitravinda raised funds during the second wave of the pandemic and distributed covid essential kits and groceries to 200-odd differently abled individuals. Now, for her efforts, she has been selected to showcase her work at the 1M1B summit at the United Nations HQ, New York.

WORLD

Meat Loaf, 'Bat Out of Hell' rock superstar, dies at 74

#NEW YORK

Meat Loaf, the rock superstar loved by millions for his 'Bat Out of Hell' album and for such theatrical, dark-hearted anthems as "Paradise By the Dashboard Light", "Two Out of Three Ain't Bad" and "I'd Do Anything for Love (But I Won't Do That)", has died. He was 74.

The singer born Marvin Lee Aday died Thursday, according to a family statement provided by his longtime agent Michael Greene.

"Our hearts are broken to announce that the incomparable Meat Loaf passed away tonight," the statement said.

"We know how much he meant to so many of you and we truly appreciate all of the love and support as we move through this time of grief in losing such an inspiring artist and beautiful man... From his heart to your souls... don't ever stop rocking!"

No cause or other details were given, but Aday had numerous health scares over the years.

"Bat Out of Hell", his mega-selling collaboration with songwriter Jim Steinman and producer Todd Rundgren, came out in 1977 and made him one of the most recognisable performers in rock.

Fans fell hard for the roaring vocals of the long-haired, 250-plus pound singer and for the comic non-romance of the title track "You Took The Words Right Out of My Mouth", "Two Out of Three Ain't Bad" and "Paradise By the Dashboard Light", an operatic cautionary tale about going all the way. **–AP**

Harry and Meghan caught in bitcoin mess

Prince Harry and Meghan Markle found their names in the midst of an elaborated cryptocurrency scam recently. According to a report in the Daily Mail, the names of the Duke and Duchess of Sussex are being used to promote endorsements on social media related to bitcoin investment plans. The fraudsters used fabricated photos and interviews clips in articles to sell out fake information that Harry and Markle were in support of the faulty schemes.

One of such fake headlines read: 'People earning millions have home by using Harry and Meghan's latest advice.'

To make it believable, the story also used the logos of international news brands such as the Mail, the BBC, the Guardian, the Sun and Good Morning Britain. Another such fraud headline of a fake news piece read: 'Harry and Meghan shocked everyone in the studio by revealing how they making an extra 128K pounds every month.' The scams came under the light after complaints of fraud by consumers to the UK's financial services watchdog shot up, which has already risen by over 400 per cent in five years, the Daily Mail reported.

(As reported by ET)

CoWIN: Now, six members can register with one mobile number

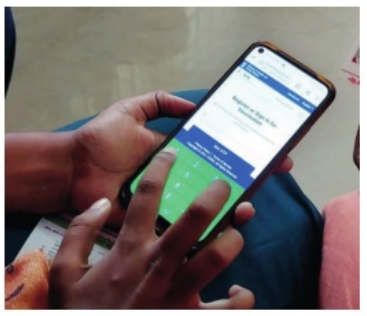
#New Delhi

The CoWIN portal has been upgraded to now facilitate six members' registration using one mobile number for the beneficiaries

The CoWIN is a platform to register for vaccination, using mobile number or Aadhaar number, or any other identity documents.

"Instead of the existing limit of 4 members, now 6 members can be registered using one mobile number on Co-WIN," said the Union Health Ministry in a statement.

In continuation of updates on various utility features of Co-WIN for the beneficiaries, a feature has been introduced under raise an issue in Co-WIN account through which beneficiary can revoke its current vaccination status from fully vaccinated to partially vaccinated or unvaccinated status and also partially vaccinated to unvaccinated status.



The feature enables the vaccine beneficiaries to correct their vaccination status where in occasional isolated cases, the vaccination certificates are generated due to inadvertent data entry errors by the vaccinator in updation of vaccination data of beneficiaries.

With this functionality, users are now allowed to rectify the mistakes in their vaccination status. The much-needed facility has been made available to users after complaints of data entry errors began piling up across many states.

The changes may take 3-7 days after submitting the online request through raise an issue utility.

Such beneficiaries can get their due vaccine dose, may be at nearest vaccination centre, as per the existent standard guidelines once new vaccination status is successfully updated in the system. **– IANS**

Ban on 35 Pak-based YouTube channels

I&B Ministry reveals the channels were being used to spread anti-India propaganda in a coordinated manner

#NEW DELHI

The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has ordered the blocking of 35 YouTube news channels operated from Pakistan along with two websites for their involvement in spreading anti-India fake news in a coordinated manner on digital media platforms.

In a statement, the ministry said that the YouTube accounts blocked by the Ministry had a total subscriber base of over 1.20 crore and their videos had garnered over 130 crore views.

Additionally, two Twitter accounts, two Instagram accounts and one Facebook account have also been blocked by the government for being involved in spreading coordinated anti-India disinformation over the internet.

The ministry vide five separate orders issued under Rule 16 of the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021 has ordered to block these Pakistan-based social media accounts and websites.

"Indian intelligence agencies were closely monitoring these social media accounts and websites, and flagged them to the ministry for immediate action," it said.

Many of these channels were news channels operated from Pakistan

The 35 YouTube accounts blocked by the ministry were all being operated from Pakistan, and were identified to be part of four coordinated disinformation networks. These include the Apni Duniya Network operating 14 YouTube channels, and and Talha Films Network operating 13 YouTube channels.

A set of four channels, and a set of two other channels, were also found to be acting in synchronisation with each other. According to the ministry, all these networks appeared to be operated with a single goal of spreading fake news oriented towards the Indian audience. The channels which were part of a network used common hashtags and editing styles, and were being operated by common persons who cross promoted each other's content.

The YouTube channels, websites, and other social media accounts blocked by the ministry were used by Pakistan for spreading anti-India fake news about sensitive subjects related to India. **– PTI**

Amar Jawan Jyoti now merged with National War Memorial flame

Amar Jawan Jyoti flame at India Gate, before it was extinguished for merging with flame at National War Memorial, in New Delhi, Friday

#New Delhi

Amar Jawan Jyoti at iconic India Gate was merged with the flame at the National War Memorial in a military ceremony followed by a parade on Friday.

The torch bearing the flames from Amar Jawan Jyoti was carried and merged with National War Memorial in a full military tradition. Soldiers from tri services marched carrying the flame from India Gate to the war memorial metres away from there.

Air Marshal Balabhadra Radha Krishna, Chief of Integrated Defence Staff to the Chairman Chiefs of Staff Committee (CISC), presided over the ceremony. The officer laid wreath first at Amar Jawan Jyoti and then at War Memorial. He was welcomed by three deputy chiefs in full military tradition.

Amar Jawan Jyoti was built in 1972 underneath the India Gate arch to commemorate soldiers martyred in the Indo-Pak War of 1971. It is a memorial symbolised by an inverted bayonet and soldier's helmet over it with an eternal flame burning beside it.

Amar Jawan Jyoti's existence was questioned two years ago when National War Memorial came into existence and the nation got a new eternal flame there. **– IANS**

Engine for Gaganyaan undergoes qualification testing

#Bengaluru

High-thrust Vikas engine for the Gaganyaan programme has successfully undergone qualification test for a duration of 25 seconds at Indian Space Research Organisation Propulsion Complex in Mahendragiri, Tamil Nadu. With regard to the Vikas engine qualification for the Gaganyaan Programme, two engines have already undergone tests under nominal operating conditions for a total duration of 480 seconds, the Bengaluru-headquartered space agency noted in a statement.

The test carried out on Thursday is to verify the robustness of the engine by operating beyond its nominal operating conditions (fuel-oxidiser ratio and chamber pressure).

ISRO conducts the qualification test of Cryogenic Engine for the Gaganyaan programme

"The performance of the engine met the test objectives and the engine parameters were closely matching with the predictions during the entire duration of the test", ISRO said. Further, three more tests are planned for a cumulative duration of 75 seconds under varying operating conditions. Subsequently, another high-thrust Vikas engine will undergo a long-duration test for 240 seconds to complete the Vikas engine qualification for the Gaganyaan Programme, it was stated. **– PTI**

Family frozen to death along US-Canada border

#New York

In a heartbreaking tragedy, a family of four, including a baby, all believed to be Indians, has died from exposure to cold weather on the Canadian side of the border with the US in an apparent human smuggling operation, according to media reports.

Manitoba Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) on Thursday said that the bodies of four people — two adults, a teen and an infant — were found on the Canadian side of the U.S./Canada border near Emerson on Wednesday.

US officials say the dead are believed to be a family from India. They are thought to have been attempting to cross into the US, according to media reports.

RCMP Assistant Commissioner Jane MacLatchy shared the discovery with reporters in a news conference on Thursday. "What I am about to share is going to be difficult for many people to hear," she said, calling it "an absolute and heartbreaking tragedy".

"At this very early stage of the investigation, it appears that they all died due to exposure to the cold weather," MacLatchy said, adding RCMP believe the four people are connected to the group that was apprehended on the U.S. side of the border. She said all four were located within 9-12 metres of the border. **– PTI**

HEALTH TIP: Due to their high iron content, raisins are extremely beneficial for menstruating women

Excess intake of Kadha can affect the normal functioning of your kidney, and liver

BEST OF
DR MAHINDER WATSA

The finest responses of Dr Watsa are being republished in this column as a tribute to him.

1 I am a 29-year-old man and I suffer from nightfall. I am a virgin and do not have a girlfriend. But I do plan to get married someday. My parents are trying to find me a bride. But before I marry a woman, I wanted to be sure that this condition will not keep me from having a normal sex life as that would not be fair to the woman. Would it affect my sex life and ability to have regular intercourse in the future?
There is no connection between the two. If you are knowledgeable about sexual matters, you should be able to have a satisfactory sexual life.

2 I am a 53-year-old man and my wife is 55. We have always enjoyed a healthy marriage and sex life. We have two children, who are in their 20s. Recently, my wife has started complaining about experiencing a burning sensation after we have had intercourse. When I use a condom, she does not feel this burning feeling, but I usually prefer to have sex without a condom.
What could be the cause for this, and what should we do?
Post menopause, the layer of vaginal cells reduce. This may be a cause for what your wife is feeling. She should visit a gynaecologist – he or she will prescribe a pessary, which will help.

3 I am 26 years old and am into body-building. I've read that testosterone supplements not only aid body building but also improve one's sexual performance.
Is this true?
Unless you want to participate in the Olympics, I would advise you to build your body naturally. Injecting extra hormones can, in the long run, produce side effects.

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Not nice and that's okay

Tired of being nice all the time? We hear you. Read on to see in which instances it is totally cool to be not nice

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When we saw Kat Stratford for the first time in the movie 10 Things I Hate About You, we could all relate to her. Weren't we all exhausted following overbearing rules this society has put on us? She portrayed that exhaustion well on screen and rebelled against it, which is so inspiring.

Times have changed. Maybe not completely but at least there's enough change for a princess to realise that being nice and sweet is a choice and not a responsibility. She does not owe anyone a kind smile at the expense of her own discomfort. Here are a few scenarios where it is completely okay to NOT be nice and you shouldn't feel guilty about it.

However, it doesn't mean that you should be rude all the time. You can be an inherently loving person but still, need boundaries to protect yourself.

When Your 'NO' Is Not Heard

'No' is a complete sentence. Not just for sex, but in other aspects too. If you've said no to being in a relationship with someone and they can't accept it. Out of fear of coming across as rude, we might overindulge in explaining and justifying our 'No' as a valid answer. However, if you've explained once that's enough. If they're still not able to understand and keep bringing up the same topic repeatedly, you don't owe them any further justification.

When Your Kindness Is Taken For Granted

Has it ever happened that few of your friends know how kind and helpful you are, so they kept asking for favours repeatedly, without considering your comfort? Maybe once you picked them up even if it wasn't in your route, and since then they always contact you for a lift. Even worse, they don't even bother to call you if they don't need you. Friendship is a two-way street and you can't be the only one being a friend while they continue being disrespectful and take advantage of your kindness.

When Women Are Devalued

Making fun of women comedians, criticising women for how they dress, making fun of 'feminists' are all signs of devaluing women. Even if it seems like they respect you but consistently judge or put down other women, you MUST call them out on it. If they tell you "you're not like other girls" that's disrespectful too and not a compliment.

When You Are Treated Like An Inferior

If someone is treating you like you're not good enough, there's no point in trying to change their mind. You don't have to "try harder" to get their approval. Next time they say anything demeaning, stand up for yourself and don't be afraid to break this friendship/relationship off. If they're masking rude comments as harmless jokes or offering backhanded compliments, it is high time you stood up for yourself.

MIRRORLIGHTS

Bean there, done that: All you need to know about coffee growing

Coffee is a flowering plant cultivated for its seeds called coffee bean. Coffee was introduced in India in 1936 near Chikkamagaluru in Karnataka. There are two types of coffee plants: Arabica and Robusta.

Climatic conditions play a big role in coffee growing. Arabica can be cultivated at high altitude from 900–1,600 mtrs but it can grow well in lower elevation too. The disadvantage of cultivating coffee at high altitudes is it can result in late maturity and the crop may be damaged due to frost and high winds. As for rainfall requirements, coffee crop grow well with evenly distributed annual rainfall of 2,200 –2,300mm. A temperature of 10–28 Degree C is required and coffee can be planted in shaded areas.

Coffee may be grown on a wide range of soils -- such as shallow soil (sandy loam) with good organic matter to virgin soils on steep mountain slopes. Coffee is propagated by seeds and cutting. Selection of quality seeds is very important in coffee growing. Coffee crops are planted during spring as this crop requires moist soil conditions and cool climate for better growth. The space between the rows should be 15–20 cm. Within the rows, coffee seeds should be placed at 3–5 cm distance with 0.5 –1cm depth flat side down. After growing the coffee seedling in nursery bags, 6–7-month-old seedlings of 20–25 cm height should be transported and transplanted in the main field. Prepare the pits in advance to loosen up the soil before transplanting the seedlings in the field.

The pits' area should be 50*50*50. This crop requires partial shade, so choose shaded areas of the field. You can plant species of ficus, silver oak, Albizy, arfocarpus heteophytius, erythina, tilltesperna or gliricidia to provide shade to coffee crops.

Coffee beans are produced from the third year onwards after transplanting in the field.

You can pick ripe berries from October to February. For the main picking, it is recommended to pick well ripened and formed coffee berries in December.

Stripping method is used to pick all the berries left on the plant irrespective of the stage of ripening. Cleaning involves collecting the fruits dropped during harvesting.

You can dry the freshly picked beans under the sun or using mechanical hot air drying and preferably shade netting.

Pack the beans in airtight baskets. Don't expose the beans to moisture and keep the store room clean and ventilated. All the packed graded beans should be transported in bags via transport trucks to the curing or other facilities.

—Sachina Mohan, A director at Pariniti Academy and Mrs India-Karnataka 2021 Malenadu

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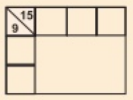
SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

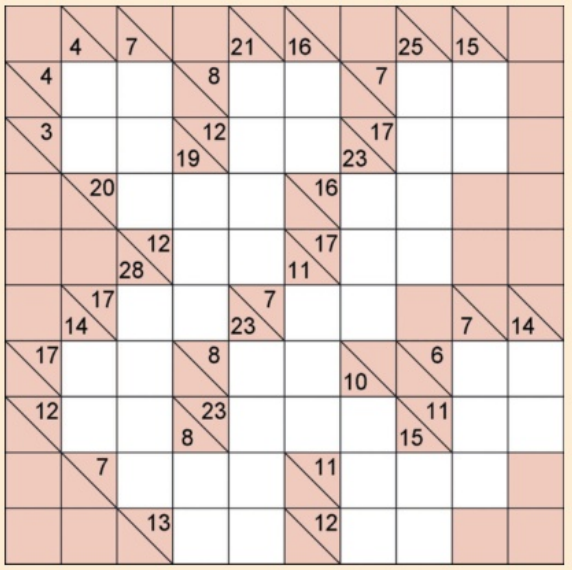
$72 \times \sqrt{1/9} + 100 \times \sqrt{1/25} = ?$

Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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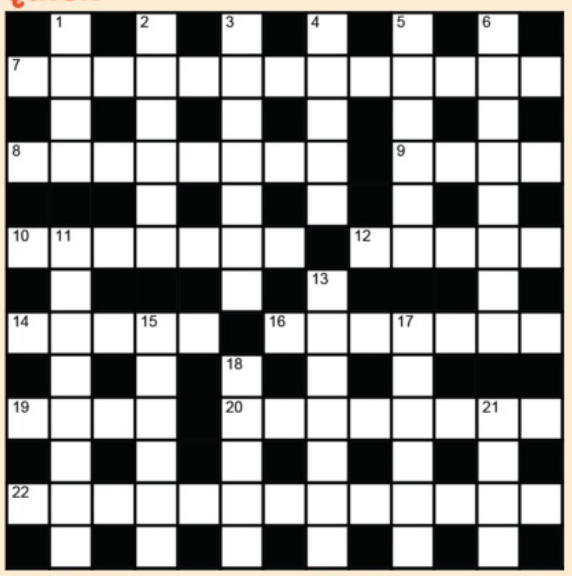


ACROSS

7 Army officer supplying food and equipment (13)
8 Advance (8)
9 Allows or permits (4)
10 Professional colleague (7)
12 Member of a monastery (5)
14 Slumbered (5)
16 Speculates or bets (7)
19 Winged insect (4)
20 Experienced (8)
22 Famous, celebrated or illustrious (13)

DOWN

1 Essen valley (4)
2 ___ Brothers: Aviation pioneers (6)
3 Cut, dismembered or separated (7)
4 Out of order (5)
5 Inn-yard's horse-handler (6)
6 Trial that creates a precedent (4,4)
11 Undersea kingdom (8)
13 Jayachamaraja Wodeyar ____: Last king of Mysore and first Governor of Karnataka (7)
15 An edible tuber (6)
17 Chemise (6)
18 Employing (5)
21 Organs of sight (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: Z EQUALS U

TPCPCKPT, FIZ DWX WBYWFO OLIIN WXE NVDJ ZN XILSVXU.

Linemaro

You are a damn thief, you stole my heart from across the room

Mindchow

A bend in the road is not the end of the road... unless you fail to make the turn

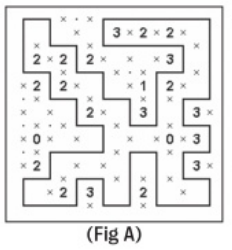
Joke of the day

Leave note: Please exkuce Lisa for being absent she was sick and I had her shot

Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



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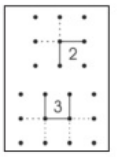
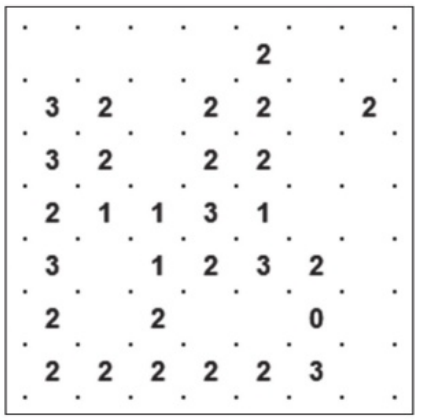


(Fig B) Not Allowed

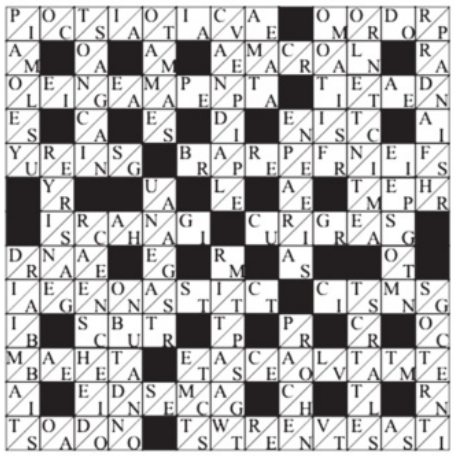
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



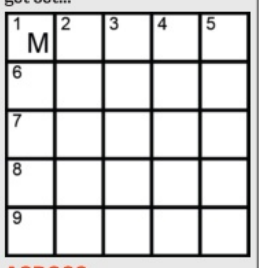
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

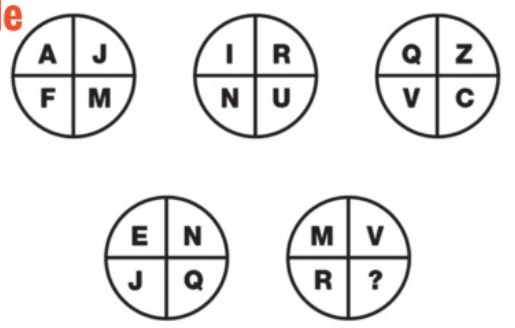
1 Smuts; 6 Lip me;
7 A seer; 8 Toe me;
9 Girth

DOWN

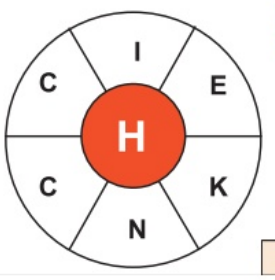
1 Emirs; 2 I a mum;
3 Progs; 4 The ET;
5 Leets

Mensapuzzle

Which letter replaces the question mark and completes the puzzle?



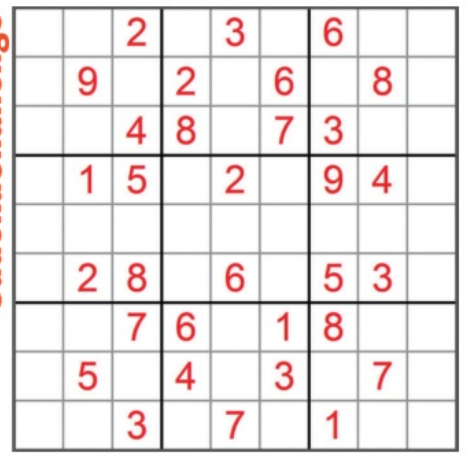
Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

09 Average; 10 Good; 12 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge



To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 16: 3 5 6 8
Medium = 6: 3 5 6 9
Hard = 23: 3 9 9 5

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

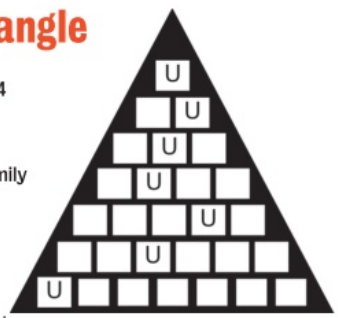
Differences: 1. Skirt is shorter. 2. Letter "A" is lower. 3. Hat is different. 4. Rear window is different. 5. Hair is different. 6. Shoe is different.

Riddler

1) Unbleached, natural sweetener by Perpetual motion of small rock.
2) Sugary infant, belonging to me by Firearms & thorny plants.
3) Refrain from remaining, on your feet, near myself by the constabulary

Alpha triangle

1 Last vowel
2 Atomic number 44
3 Dull routine
4 Corrode
5 Put on airs
6 Scottish royal family
7 Parvenu



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

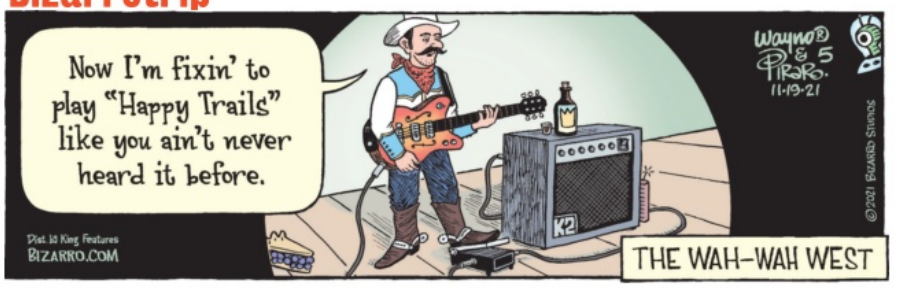
DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

THE EMPLOYMENT OFFICE SAID YOU WERE LOOKING FOR AN ASSISTANT, MEDICINE MAN
RIGHT! HOW SOON CAN YOU START?
LET'S SEE... I'VE GOT A GOLF GAME TOMORROW... I DON'T WORK ON THURSDAYS... FRIDAY I'M GOING OUT OF TOWN.
11-9
YOU'RE GOING TO FIT IN JUST FINE!

Bizarrotrip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Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

Crankshaft

JUST CLICK HERE ON 'PHOTO BOOTH' SO YOU CAN SEE HOW YOU LOOK ON THE COMPUTER CAMERA.
EEEK!
THAT'S OKAY... YOU'LL LOOK A LOT BETTER ONCE WE'VE ADJUSTED THE CAMERA HEIGHT AND FIXED THE LIGHTING.
BATIUK & DAVIS
11-16

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you may be busy with your kids; you may plan to invest in their future. You are likely to start an innovation in partnership. You may get some investments for your business which will increase your business in near future. You may also plan for higher studies for improving your career path.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you may find yourself in self-analysis state which will bring some confidence in you. Your focus towards your goals is now clear; you may get success to achieve your goal. Your creativity might improve, and you will take an interest in artefacts, movies, glamour, and real-life objects. At the end of the day, you may be satisfied with your life. Your opponents may be under control now.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you may help the needy around you. It will increase your reputation among your surroundings. New ideas may come into your mind; you are likely to help other people around you. You might implement innovation into the work, which may increase your business. Lovebirds may plan for an outing or some adventure tour.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you may be busy in domestic issues. You may spend money in buying some artefacts or household stuff. You are advised to control spending on worthless stuff, otherwise it may attract negative energy in the house. You are also advised to control your harsh speaking with the people around you.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, your spiritual power may make you happy. Your way of thinking may be positive. You are inclined to spiritualism today. You may plan to visit some religious place. You may also take interest in occult science. You are likely to observe flawlessness in your nature. It is advised to keep your views with you only; try to discuss with those people who may understand your frequency.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you may feel nervous; you may have a lack of patience; for seeking peace, you may be attracted by occult, it is advised to follow your intuition before going ahead. You may also get in-depth knowledge on a subject, or you may have good focus towards your research.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, your moon will be placed in a good position; you may expect some positive momentum in professional and domestic life. There are likely to be gains in terms of investments. You may get reciprocation for your help from your friends and relatives. Your hard work may pay you in terms of success.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you may do better, kids' health is better now. You can plan to make some investments for kids' future. You are likely to be more loyal towards your job. Job-seekers may find a good job with the help of references. You may be able to find your hidden enemies and with the help of blessings, you may fight them.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, your mother's health may be good. You may enjoy work; you may get rewards after your hard work. Your social respect may be increased now. Overworking of your mind may make you tired; due to workload, you may not be able to reach some family event.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you may be satisfied with work. You may plan for a short work-related trip. You may also visit some religious place to maintain your inner peace. Your gurus may show you the right path, which may give you clarity regarding your goals.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you may feel dull; it is advised to keep your mind cool, it's a golden rule for you to think twice before any act. You may travel to recover your money; otherwise, you may lose your money. You are also advised to avoid going for adventure tour. Students are advised to go for in-depth study to get success.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you may feel good; domestic harmony may make you happy. You may meet some influential person to get some benefits on the work front. You are likely to perform well in your job; you may expect some rewards in terms of promotions. Disputes in inherited property are likely to settle down.

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
= 72 x √¼ + 100 x √¼
= 72/3 + 100/5
= 24+20
= 44

BULL'S EYE
check, chic, chick, chink, clinch, heck, hick, hike, inch, niche

STRIKE OUT

P	O	S	I	T	I	V	E	M	O	O	R			
A	A	A	A	R	O	N	A	T	O	D	O	S	W	E
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QUICK

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S	A	R	E	E
E	M	O	T	E
R	I	G	H	T

FAST FIVE

1) Brown sugar by Rolling stones,
2) Sweet chilli o' mine by Guns 'n' roses,
3) Don't stand so close to me by The Police

RIDDLER

8	7	2	9	3	4	6	1	5
3	9	1	2	5	6	4	8	7
5	6	4	8	1	7	3	9	2
4	2	8	7	6	9	5	3	1
6	3	9	1	4	5	7	2	8
7	1	5	3	2	8	9	4	6
2	4	7	6	9	1	8	5	3
1	5	6	4	8	3	2	7	9
9	8	3	5	7	2	1	6	4

SUDOKU

Y, Starting in the top left circle, and following through a W pattern spanning segments of the circles follow the alphabetical sequence in steps of 4 letters.

MENSA PUZZLE

Remember, you can always stoop and pick up nothing.

QUOTE UNCODE

GO FIGURE
Easy
8 + 6 + 5 – 3 = 16
Medium
6 – 3 x 5 – 9 = 6
Hard
9 x 3 + 5 – 9 = 23

TRIANGLE
U, Ru, Rut,
Rust, Strut,
Stuart,
Upstart.

ALPHA

LOOP

KAKURO

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It's a date

We have the dates of release of SS Rajamouli's 'RRR' and Aamir Khan's Lal Singh Chaddha

SS Rajamouli's much-awaited period action film "Rise Roar Revolt" (RRR) will now make its debut in theatres on March 18, the makers announced on Friday.

In a statement, posted on the film's official Twitter handle, the makers said that they have also booked the April 28 date in case the movie gets postponed once again.

"If the pandemic situation in the country gets better and all theatres open up to operate at full capacity, we are ready to release on 18th March 2022. Otherwise, 'RRR' Movie will release on 28th April 2022," the team said.

The Telugu-language film headlined by south stars – Ram Charan and N T Rama Rao Jr is produced by DVV Entertainments.

Earlier in the beginning of 2022, the makers had announced the decision to defer the release of the magnum opus six days ahead of the arrival of "RRR" in cinema halls after a surge in coronavirus cases across the country.

The team had even kickstarted the grand promotional activities which were being carried out across India.

"RRR" has been postponed multiple times due to the coronavirus pandemic since 2020.

Also featuring Bollywood stars Ajay Devgn and Alia Bhatt in pivotal roles, "RRR" is a fictional tale based on the lives of two freedom fighters in the early 20th century -- Alluri Sitarama Raju (Charan) and Kumram Bheem (NTR Jr).

'Laal Singh Chaddha' not postponed

Aamir Khan-starrer "Laal Singh Chaddha" will arrive in theatres on April 14 as scheduled, the makers said on Friday, dismissing speculations about a change in the film's release date.

There were reports earlier in the week, claiming that "Laal Singh Chaddha" has been postponed and that it might release on August 11.

Putting all the rumours to rest, Aamir Khan Productions, the banner behind the film, issued a statement via Instagram, stating that there is no change in the release date of the film.

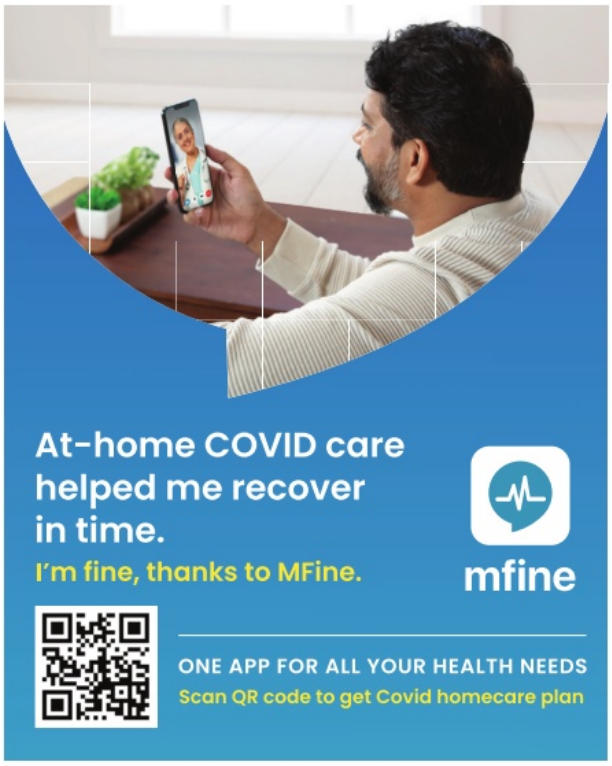
"Aamir Khan Productions' Laal Singh Chaddha's release date stands as Baisakhi, 14th April 2022, contrary to some misleading stories. We once again would like to thank everyone who has supported us in the journey of making this film," the statement read.

The movie is an official remake of 1994 Hollywood blockbuster "Forrest Gump", featuring Tom Hanks.

The Hindi version is adapted by Atul Kulkarni and directed by Advait Chandan, who earlier directed Khan in the 2017 drama "Secret Superstar".

"Laal Singh Chaddha" also features Kareena Kapoor Khan, Mona Singh, Naga Chaitanya, among others.

It is backed by Viacom18 Motion Pictures and Aamir Khan Productions. **PTI**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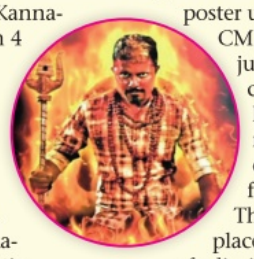
Unique Nata Bhayankara poster



Bigg Boss Kannada season 4 contestant, and actor/director Pratham is creating a buzz with his latest film, Nata Bhayankara. The romantic drama starring Pratham himself in the lead also features Sushmitha Joshi and Neharikha Shenoy in the cast. A unique poster from the film was released by none Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Thursday. In conversation with Bangalore Mirror, Pratham thanked Minister Renukacharya for the opportunity to have the poster unveiled by the CM. "The CM has just recovered from covid. Thankfully, he obliged to release the poster of my film, and fulfilled my desire. The event took place in presence of a limited number of people," Pratham, who has requested the CM to take a three-hour break to make time to watch Nata Bhayankara, said. Pratham will soon announce the film's release date. The story is written by producer Uday K Mehta and has Pratham penning the screenplay and dialogues. It has four songs composed by Pradyothan. **—Mahesha H**

Early marriage, motherhood didn't affect career: Malaika

Malaika Arora, who got married at the age of 25 and had a kid, recently revealed that they never came in the way of her professional life. The actress added that she made it look all glamorous.

Spilling some beans on the same, Malaika said that it never was a hindrance and she is proof of that. According to her, getting and having a child never had any bearing on her professional life. Malaika remembered that back then, there were very few of them who were married with kids. Now, of course, it has changed; women are married, with kids, working through pregnancies, and after. The whole concept has changed. But back then, it was far more different.

Elaborating, Malaika added that she always had this glamorous approach towards it and it has worked in her favour. The diva added that she made marriage and working through pregnancy look fun, easy and doable.

Malaika, who married Arbaaz Khan in 1998, parted ways in 2017. The ex-couple are co-parenting their son Arhaan Khan. The young lad is pursuing higher studies abroad. Both of them have moved on in their respective lives. While Malaika is currently dating Arjun Kapoor, Arbaaz is in a relationship with Giorgia Andriani.

Halt: It is a win for Shehzada

ETimes had earlier reported on Allu Aravind's secret trip to Mumbai to stop the Hindi dubbed version of Allu Arjun starrer 'Ala Vaikunthapurramuloo' from releasing in theatres on January 26, 2022. The film, which also stars Pooja Hegde and Tabu, was a blockbuster at the box-office.

The Kartik Aaryan starrer 'Shehzada' (with Kriti Sanon opposite him) is the official Hindi remake of 'Ala Vaikunthapurramuloo', which Allu Aravind is co-producing with Bhushan Kumar and Aman Gill. Allu Aravind wanted 'Shehzada' to be the only Hindi version of 'Ala Vaikunthapurramuloo'. So yeah, as we'd told you, he met Manish Girish Shah on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The latest coming in from Team Allu Aravind's team to us is that their boss has prevailed over Manish Girish Shah and even flown back to his hometown in the South. And, this is official and final. FYI, Allu Aravind had initially sold the dubbing rights for a theatrical release to Manish Girish Shah and the decision was taken mutually. **—ETimes**